THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

Friday, 28th July, 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes Past Eight of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER, (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B) in the Chair.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, if you can dispense with the question we can finish the work by 10-30 so that we may go to meet the Prime Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have no objection.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಬಿ. ಮುದ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯ.—ದೊಡ್ಡವರ ಹೆಸರು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ನಾನು ಏನು ಹೇಳಲಿ. ಅವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತೇವೆ.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SECRETARY.—I beg to lay on the Table of the House the Land Acquisition (Mysore Extension and Amendment) Bill, 1961, as passed by the Legislative Council.

THE MYSORE CONTINGENCY FUND (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.

Motion to Introduce.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Ministr for Finance).—I beg to introduce the Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment) Bill, 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment) Bill, 1961, is introduced.

Motion to Consider.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I beg to move :

"That the Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment) Bill, 1961, be taken into consideration."

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

"That the Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment) Bill, 1961, taken into consideration."

†Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Sir, as the House is aware the Contingency Fund as it now stands is to the tune of Rs. 200 lakhs. Certain exigencies have arisen in the State for which more amount is necessary and should be made available to Government for meeting emergent expenditure. The amount at the credit of the Fund has been pratically exhausted and the Legislature will not be in session for about a fortnight or so. Naturally Government feel that in order to meet the situation arising out of the floods and other necessary requirments of an unforseen nature, the amount at the credit of the Contingency Fund should be increased to the tune of Rs. 400 lakhs. At present the total amount drawn and spent from the Contingency Fund is to the tune of Rs. 199.75 lakhs. The details of the expenditure may be given for the information of the House:

		Rs. in lakhs
Loans for construction of irrigation wells	...	110
Interest-free loans, grant-in-aid to flood victims as estimated at present	...	55
Development of Mangalore Port	...	9.05
Utilization of manpower for rural area pilot projects	...	4
Construction of national theatre	...	7
Handicraft schemes for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes	...	3.60
Land acquisition for Willington Hospital, Mangalore	...	3.28
Advance for other items such as works and decretal commitments	...	7.82
Working advance to the Road Transport Corporation which will come into existence on 1st August	...	50

Then there are other items such as communication programme in the P.W.D., minor irrigation works and other items which will require financing from the Contingency Fund.

Therefore Government thought fit to come to this House for an amendment of the total fund and seek the permission of the House to increase it from 200 lakhs to 400 lakhs. I feel that this august house will accord its sanction for the amendment in the bill and for the enhancement of the total amount available in the contingency fund.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I wish the Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Finance had furnished us the details of the expenditure incurred well in advance. The bill has just now been placed on the table.

† Indicates that the remarks or Speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

I do not consider that some of the items atleast, to which he referred to, as being of an emergent nature which would justify expenditure from out of the contingency fund. After all the fund has to be recouped everytime. We are now coming to the end of July and have already spent 2 crores within the last four months. It means that the Government had no idea of the amount that they would have to incur during the year. If it is purely for the purpose of advancing this money for flood relief, I am sure the House would certainly vote because it is one of the recommendation which I made during the course of my speech that if they want more money to meet the emergent situation they may come up to the House for sanction. But the Deputy Minister for Finance says that this money is required for some other items of work.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—For flood relief also. In addition we wanted urgently money for advancing the second instalment in connection with the irrigation well programme.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—If the money is required for advancing money for irrigation wells, I am sure the Government of India has given them some money.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— Till recently we were under the impression that the Government of India will give us 4 crores. They gave us only 2 crores. We had to meet the expenditure with regard to the rest of the commitment. Therfore the difficulty. I think the Government of India is in a mood to help us. We will try our best.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Even according to the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, if the Government of India promised to give 4 crores and they gave us only 2 crores, the advance asked for here is only 50 lakhs.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is required to tide over the difficulties we face now.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The advance in asked for is 110 lakhs.

† Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I very much wish that this advance to National Theatre has not been included here and I doubt whether it can be an item of expenditure to be met from the contengency fund. If only the statement of expenditure had been placed before the House, I would have offered comments. Government cannot be generous with the contingency fund. There are rules framed as far back as 1952. The budget manual, appendix V, gives this and I am not sure if the Government had followed these rules strictly. The rules were approved by this House. The Government cannot go on spending money with magnanimity from the fund. I would like to be asured at this stage that there has been no departure from the rules framed by this House and that they are going to spend this 2 crores exclusively to meet the situation arising out of the floods. I believe that even this 2 crores is insufficient to meet the

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demand. I do not know why they are conservative in their estimate. In regard to communication alone they would require, quite a lot of money. This demand of 2 crores to meet the flood situation has no relationship to actual facts. We are hardly 4 months after the budget was sanctioned and already it is stated that 2 crores have been spent from the fund and I am sure by the time we meet next, Government would come up with another amending Bill asking for additional sums of money. It should not look so whimsical and even at this stage I would like to ask for further clarification from the Deputy Minister for Finance if the 2 crores now asked would be sufficient to tide over the difficulties during the budget year.

† Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Sir, I can assure the House that the Government will use judicious care in spending the money allotted through this amending Bill. Some of the items, the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has said, were under-estimated. He said that with the amount now asked for it would not be possible to tide over the situation arising out of the recent flood. I submit we are not in a position to correctly assess the amount required. However, we expect the House will reassemble and we are going to come to the House with a supplementary demand. That way, I think, the amount asked for under the contingency fund may be sufficient to meet the emergent demands.

I may assure the Leader of the Opposition that there has been no departure from the rules that have been laid down for our guidance. The advance to the National Theatre is in the nature of a loan and it is to be recouped and no provision was made in the Budget. We intend to make it up in the supplementary Budget. There was an urgent demand which ought to be met and therefore an advance had to be made for the construction of the national theatre. I hope the Hon'ble leader of the Opposition would be satisfied by the reply given by me and the House will accord sanction to the Bill.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Hon'ble Deputy Minister said allotments would be made for irrigation wells and flood relief. I want to know the amount allotted for each item.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I have already stated that 110 lakhs has been advanced for irrigation and 55 lakhs has been taken under the head 'interest-free loans and grant-in-aid to flood victims'.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That the Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment) Bill, 1961, be taken into considertion."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1 *and Preamble.*

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That Clause 1 and the Title and the Preamble stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1 the Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

Motion to pass

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I beg to move :

"That the Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment)Bill, 1961, be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"Tnat the Mysore Contingency Fund (Temporary Amendment) Bill, 1961, be passed."

The motion was adopted.

MOTION *Re*: FLOOD SITUATION IN THE STATE.

Debate (*contd.*)

Mr. SPEAKER.— Nagan Gowda will speak now. The time-limit is 15 minutes.

†Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Hospet).— Sir, in the first place, I wish to thank the Government for the speedy action taken by them for meeting the great hardships caused by the floods in the State. I would, in particular, thank the Minister for Revenue for the work done by him in the Malnad area and also the Minister for Transport for the speed with which attempts were made to rescue marooned people in some of the villages in Dharwar district I wish to have it recorded–the work that the Government has done in meeting the situation, not merely the Ministers of the Government but also the various Government officers who have more or less risked danger and gone into these flood areas and rescued the people. In my own district, Kampli when the whole fortress was surrounded by water, many arrangements were made by the Deputy Commissioner and others to help the people out of the situation. Though we have no experience of the suffering of the people of Chickmagalur and other districts, still the heavy floods that occur in the Tungabhadra have affected some of the parts of Mallapur Taluk of